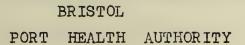
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The Port Medical Officers are assisted in their duties by a rota of five assistant medical officers. In addition, there are three qualified port inspectors, two assistant port officers, and four rat-catchers. The medical staff also act as medical inspectors of aliens under the direction of the port medical officer as supervising medical inspector.

Bristol Port Health Authority

Annual Report 1939

My Lord Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a report on the work of the port health authority during the year 1939.

This report is prepared in accordance with instructions contained in Ministry of Health Circular 1937, and having regard to the desirability of avoiding as far as possible the disclosure of certain information, the contents of the report have been considerably abridged.

There have been no alterations in the permanent arrangements which have been fully described in previous reports.

I am,

My Lord Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen.,
Your obedient servant,

R. H. Parry

Port Medical Officer of Health.

Port Health Office, 40 Prince Street, Bristol.1.

March 1940 .

TABLE A.

Shipping entering the port during the year 1939.

Number of vessel by medical officer of health	s inspected by sanitary inspector	Number reported to be defective	Number on which defects were remedied	Number reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
17,9	2153	4 28	428	13 +

excluding vessels having venereal disease on board.

TABLE C

Cases of infectious sickness LANDED* FROM VESSELS

Disease	No. of during Pass.	cases 1939 Crew	No.of vessels concerned			
Dysentery Influenza Malaria Pulmonary tuberculosis Venercal disease		1 11 3 2 6	1 10 3 2 5			
Other diseases not included in above table LANDED # FROM VESSELS.						
Rheumatism Diseases of		4	4			
respiratory syst Diseases of digestive system		1 12	1			
Diseases of skin and cellular sys		3	3			
Diseases of bone & organs of locomotion. Traumatism Ill defined	5 1 1	22 ; 7 20	2 7 19			

^{*} Includes only cases requiring medical attention, but all were not removed from ships to hospital.

Cases of infectious sickness ON VESSELS DURING VOYAGE but disposed of prior to arrival.

Disease	No. of during Pass.	1939	No. of vessels concerned
Malaria	_	1	1

Other diseases not included in above table ON VESSELS DURING VOYAGE but disposed of prior to arrival.

Rheumatism Diseases of	o	1	1
nervous system Diseases of	-	1	1
skin and cellular system Diseases of		1	1
genito urin- ary system Traumatism Ill defined	- 1	1 1 4	1 1 5

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RATS DE	STROYED DI	URING 19	39. OM	VESSELS
DESTROY (toget	ED	28 mice)		739
	D			
TNEECLE	D MITH PL	AGUE	• • • • •	nıı
	TAI	BLE F		
	STROYED DI			
DESTROY (toget	ED	575 mice)		5892
EXAMINE	D.,.,.	• • • • • • •		682
INFECTE	D WITH PLA	AGUE		nil

Measures of rat destruction on plague 'infected' or 'suspected' vessels or vessels from plague infected ports arriving in the port during the year.

Total number of such vessels arriving	No. of such vessels on which trapping poisoning, etc. were employed	No. of such vessels on which measures of rat destruction were not carried out.
27	25	* 2 ·

^{*} These ships were examined for rat indications but no measures were taken, either because there was no evidence of rats or because of very short stay in port.

TABLE H.

Total certificates issued	154			
No. of deratisation exemption certificates issued	5		Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health	485
	135		Struct ural defects through wear and tear	t ₁₆
TOTAL	19		. A + Q S	
icates issued After trapping, poisoning etc.	- I	T.BLE J	Defects of original construction	5
rtif N. PHUR	1			
No. of deratisation cert After fumigation with H.C.N. SULPHUR H.C.N.	6		Number inspected during the year	2153
No.of children fine of H.C.N.	10			
No.of ships	154		,	

FOOD INSPECTION

Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937

Resort to legal proceedings was not necessary during the year.

Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations 1925 to 1939

Sampling of foods has been carried out under the provisions of the above regulations. There was only one infringement and this was dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926

No milk (other than condensed, evaporated or dried) was imported during the year.

Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934.

There are no shellfish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Bristol Port Health Authority. The supply of shell fish marketed in Bristol is obtained mainly from:-

South Wales, South and Worth Devon, Norfolk, and via London.